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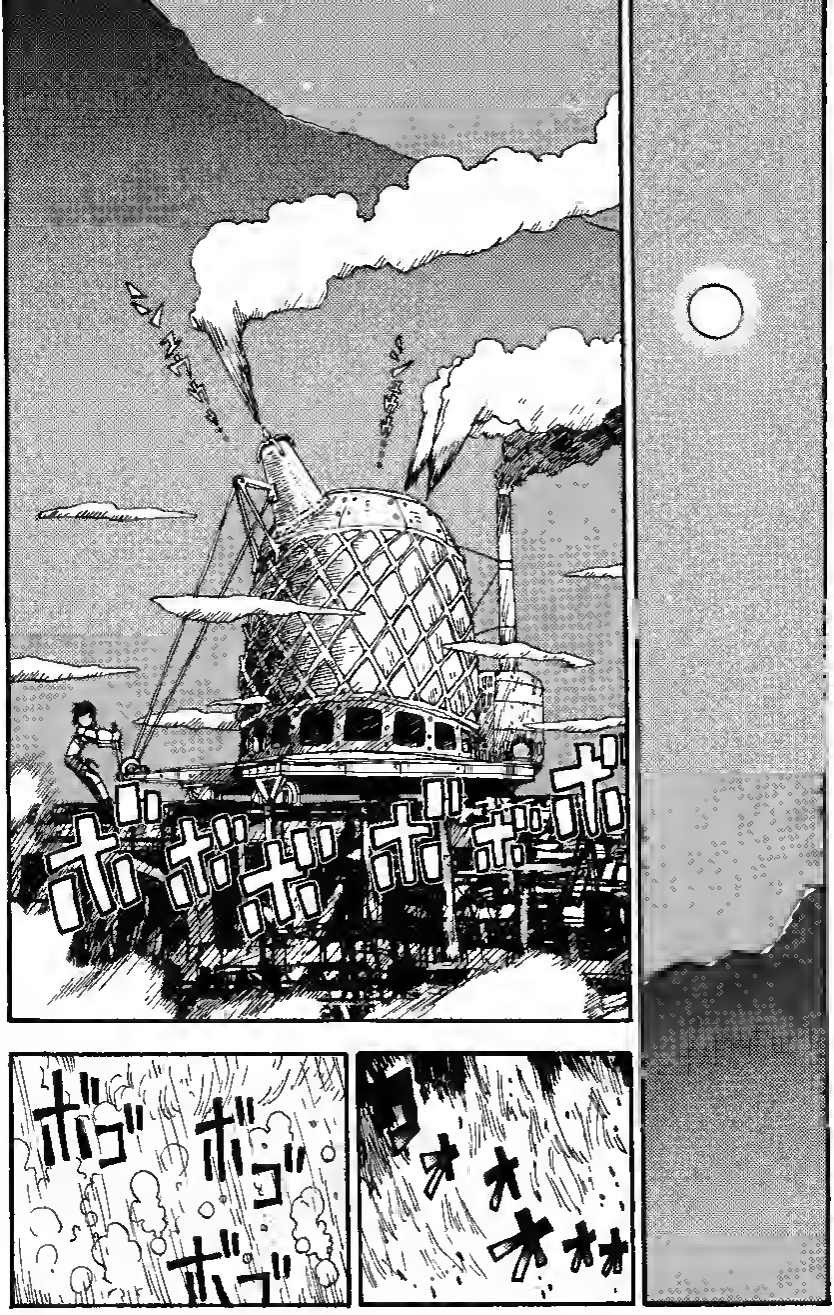
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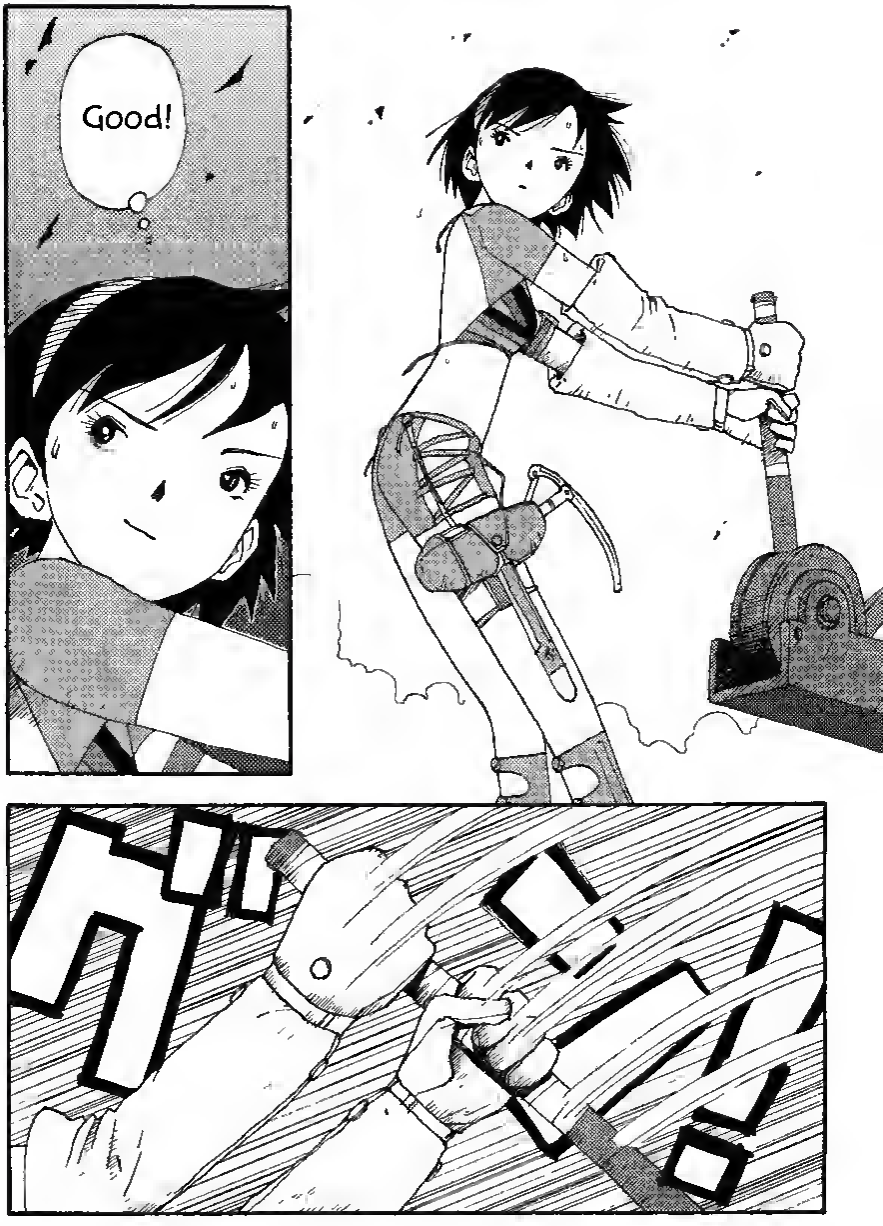
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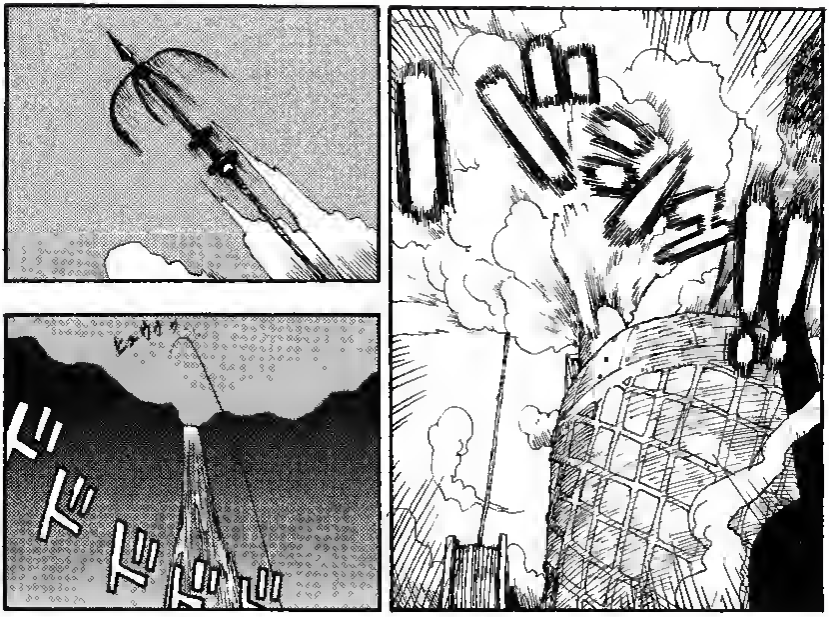
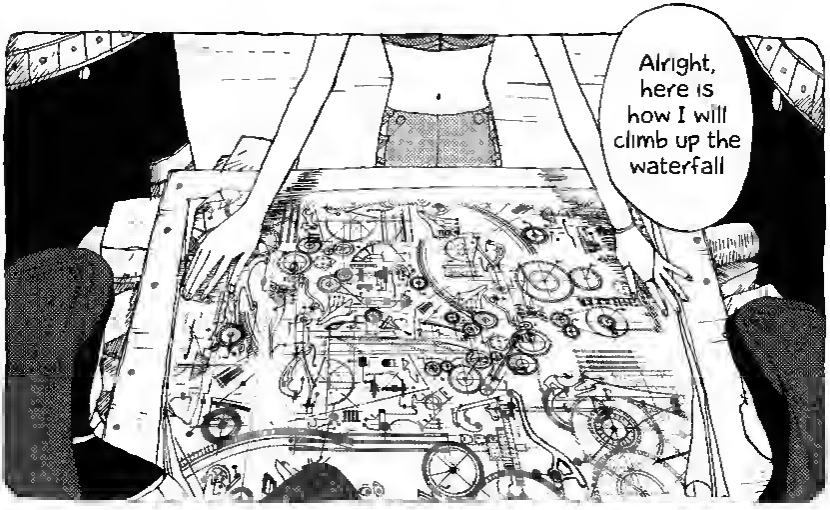
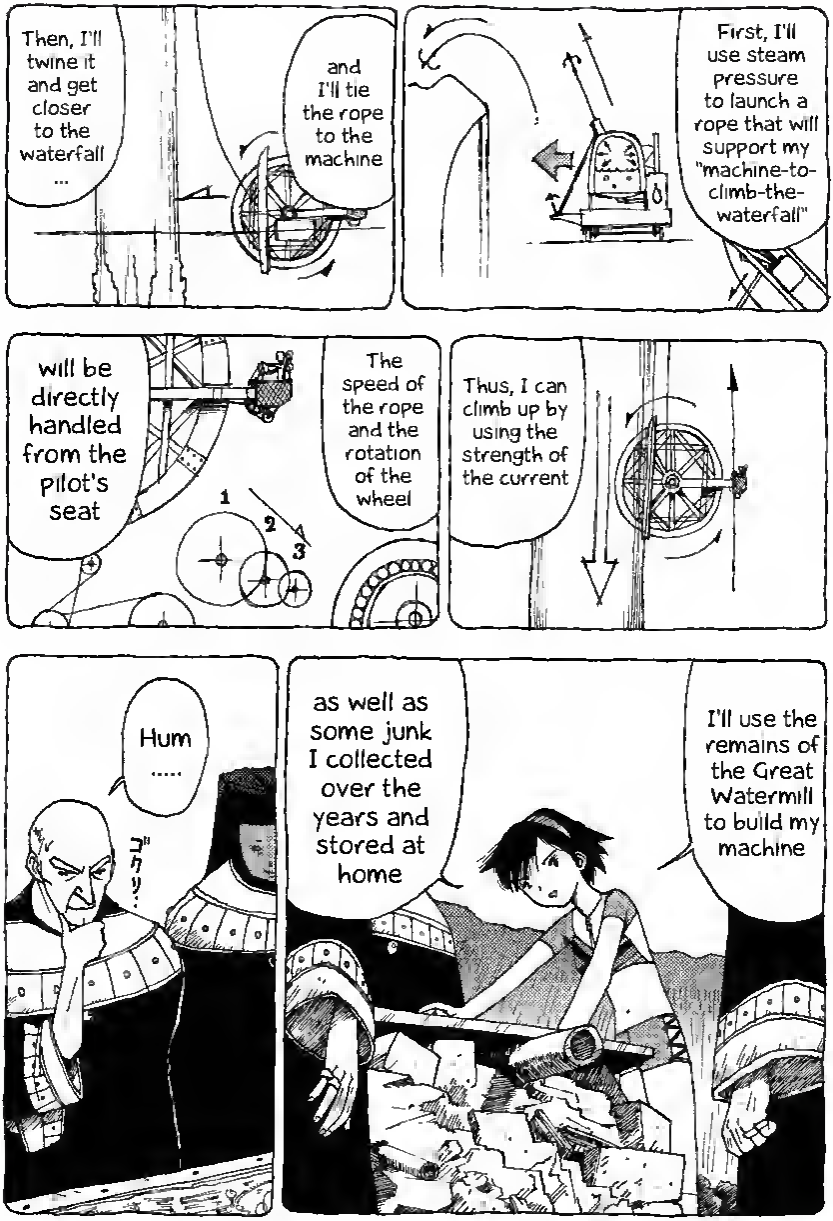



Alright, here is how I will climb up the waterfall


Then, I'll twine it and get closer to the waterfall ...
and I'll tie the rope to the machine
First, I'll use steam pressure to launch a rope that will support my "machine-to-climb-the-waterfall"
will be directly handled from the pilot's seat
The speed of the rope and the rotation of the wheel
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Thus, I can climb up by using the strength of the current
Hum .....
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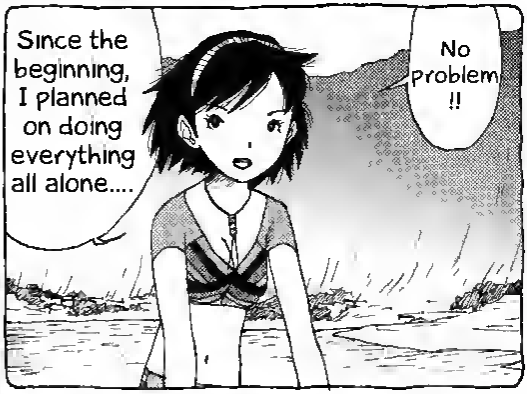
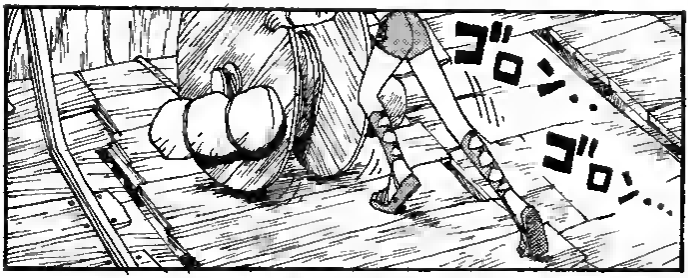
as well as some junk I collected over the years and stored at home
I'll use the remains of the Great Watermill to build my machine

...No way, it'll be too big of a machine!!
You leaving this village is already an exception within an exception! It has to be done in the greatest secrecy!
And there's no way you can work on that big wheel just by yourself ...

Don't worry, I'll be fine....


Since the beginning, I planned on doing everything all alone....
No problem !!

Every-thing ..... Just by yourself ...!?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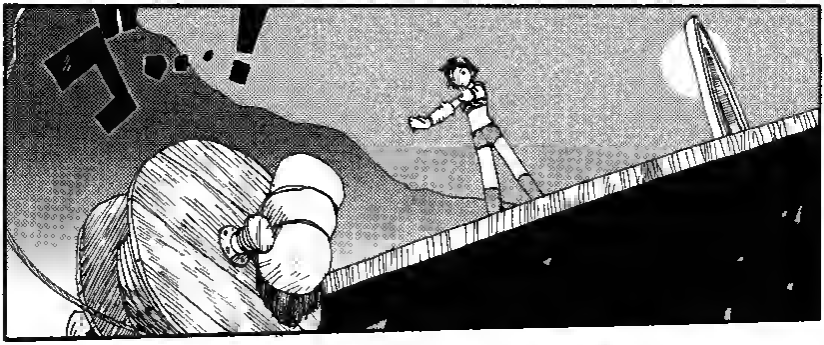
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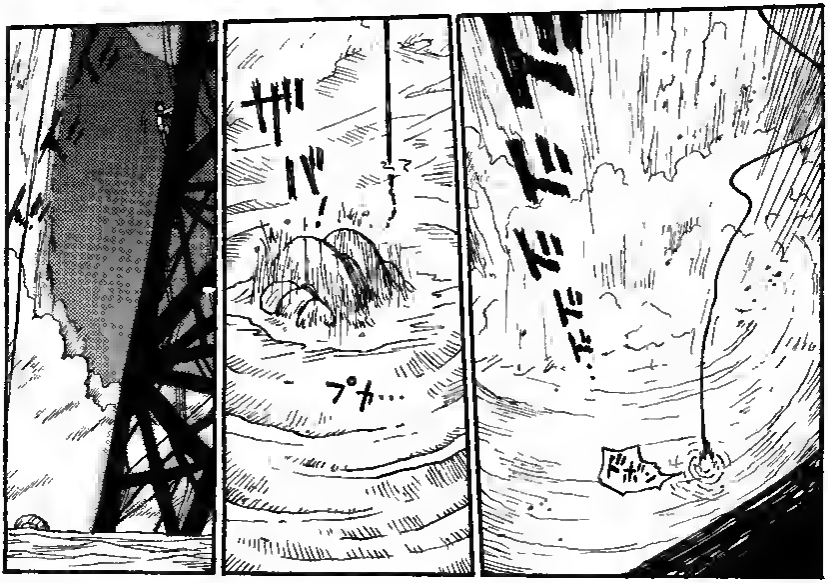
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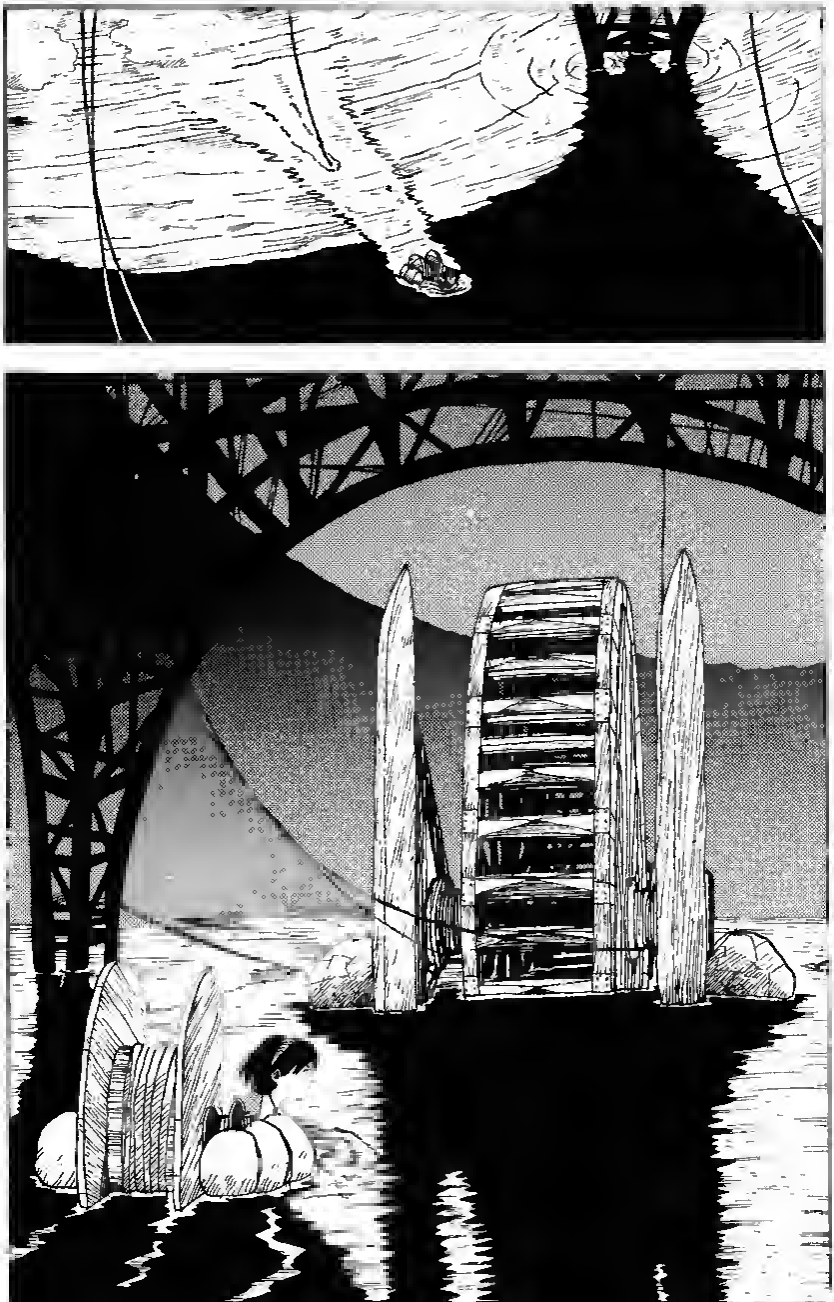
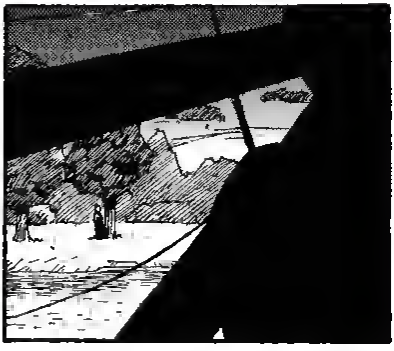
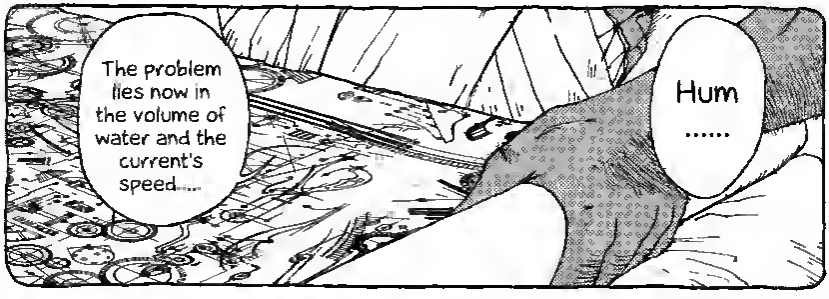
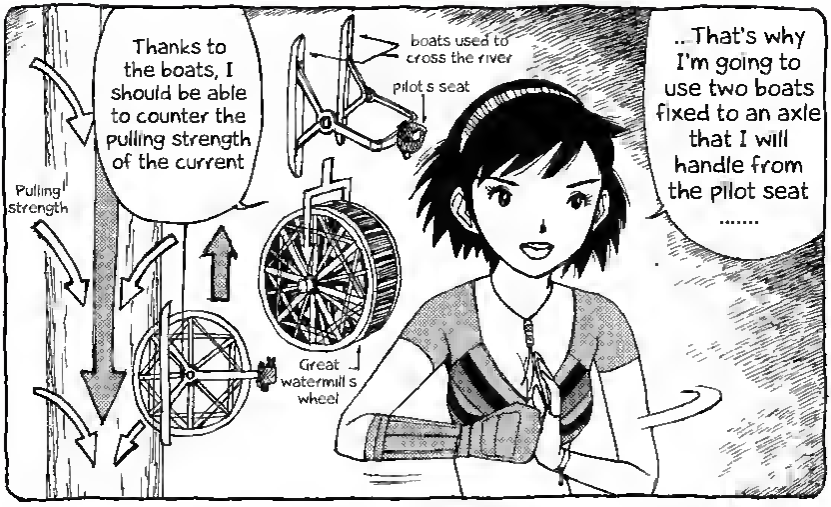
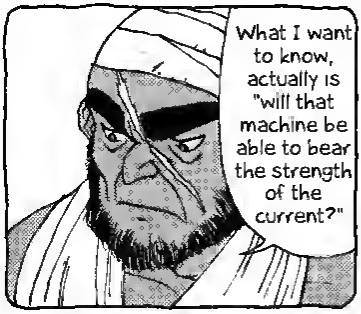


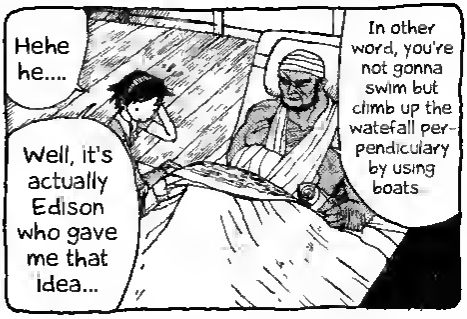



The problem lies now in the volume of water and the current's speed.....
Hum .....

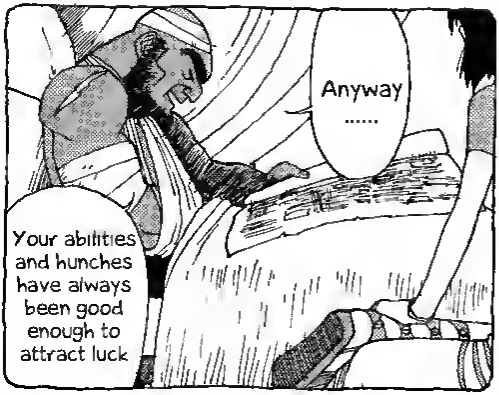
I don't think I need to tell ya that the waterfall's strength is no laughing matter..
If the current swallow you up, even that sturdy watermill's wheel is gonna end up completely and totally crushed


Thanks to the boats, I should be able to counter the pulling strength of the current
Pulling strength
boats used to cross the river
pilot s seat
Great watermill s wheel
..That's why I'm going to use two boats fixed to an axle that I will handle from the pilot seat .....


What I want to know, actually is "will that machine be able to bear the strength of the current?"


Hehe he....
Well, it's actually Edison who gave me that idea...
In other word, you're not gonna swim but climb up the watefall perpendiculary by using boats

I know
It can either succeed or fail, the chances are fifty fifty, you know?


Anyway
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Your abilities and hunches have always been good enough to attract luck

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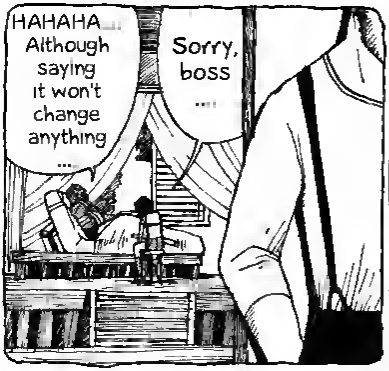
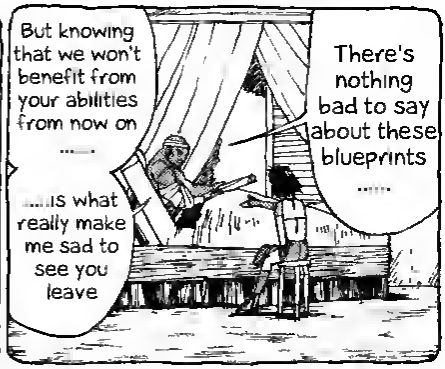
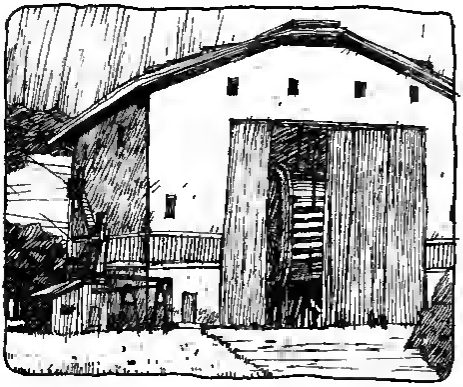

HAHAHA... Although saying it won't change anything ...
Sorry, boss ....


But knowing that we won't benefit from your abilities from now on .....
.....is what really make me sad to see you leave
There's nothing bad to say about these blueprints .....



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Closing the doors!!
Seems like the new mill will be ready tomorrow ....
Yeah
Finally .....
OKAY! TODAY'S WORK IS OVER!
MILO !!
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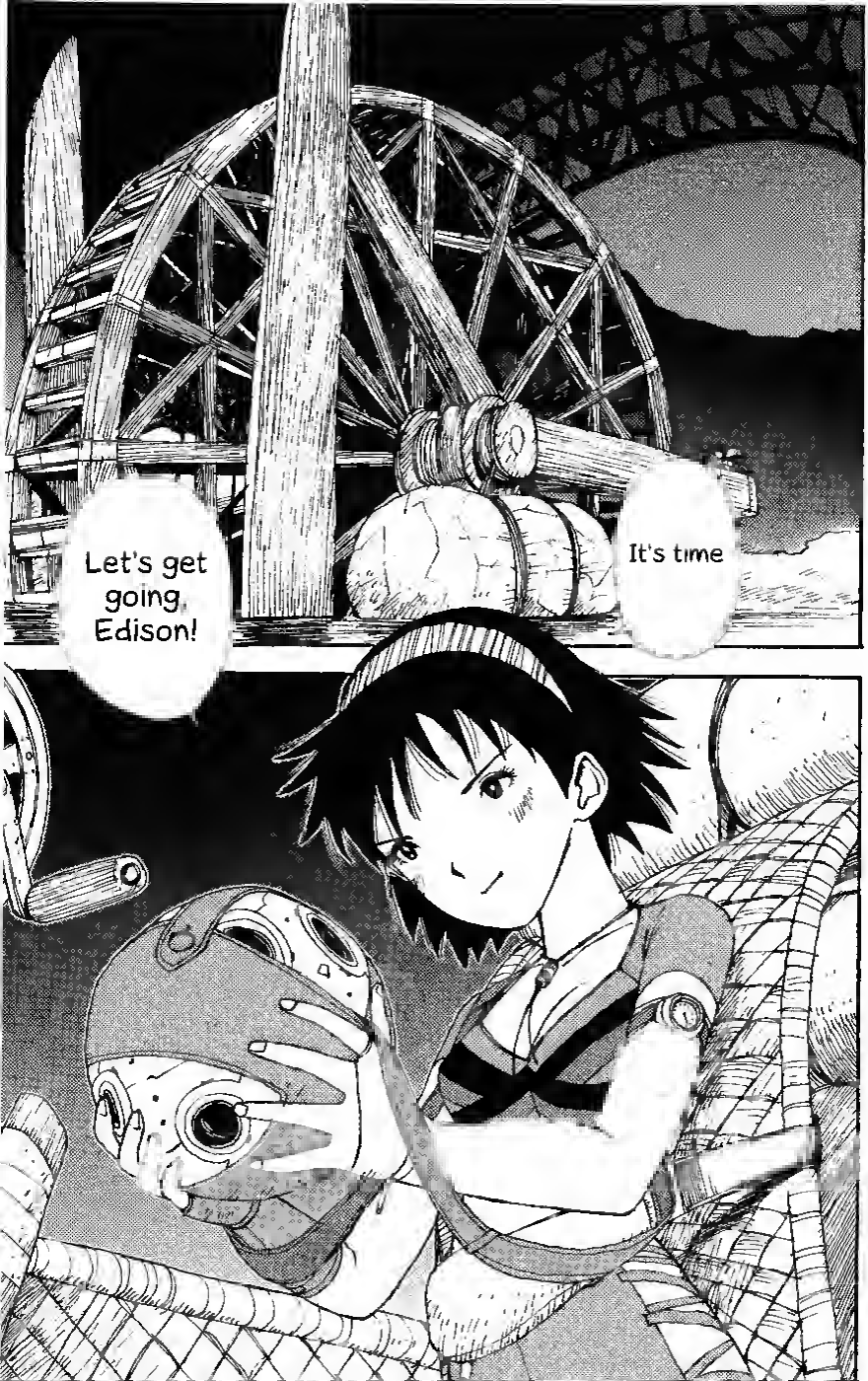
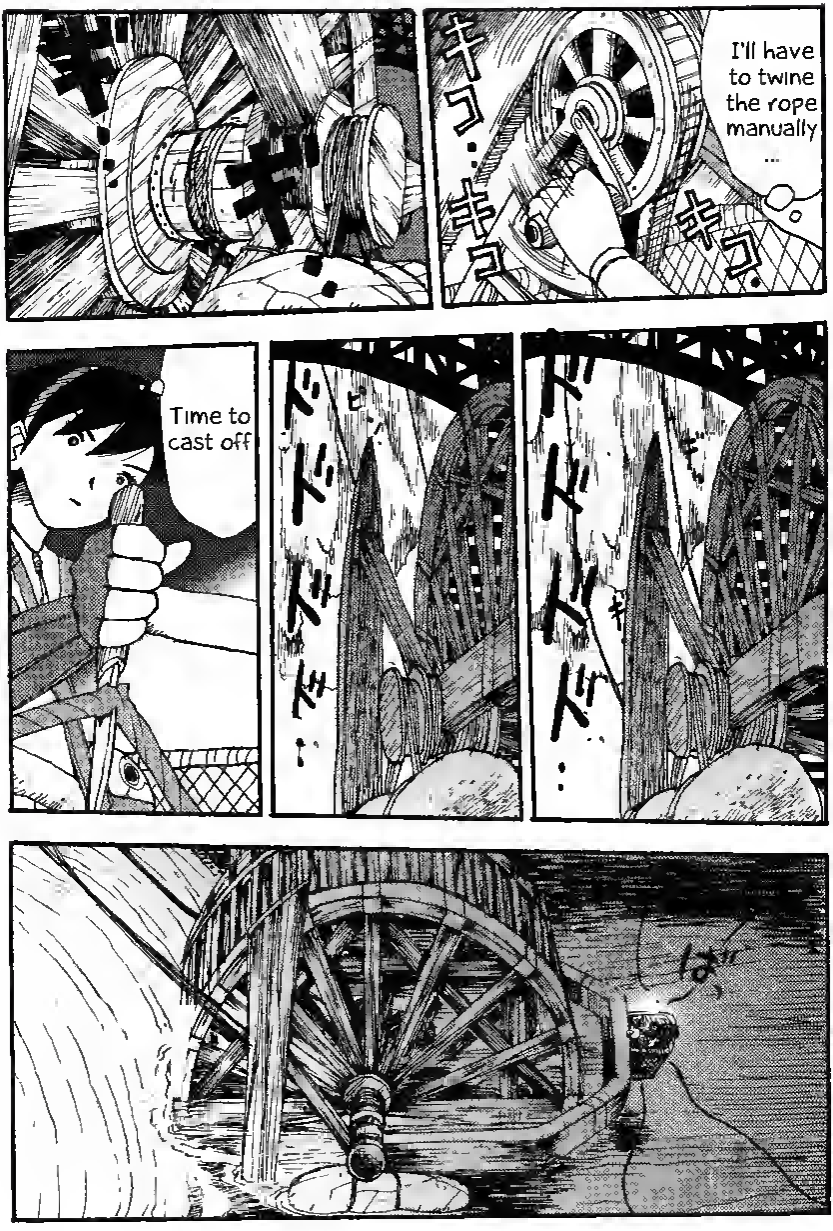
Oh... Yeah, that's .....
It hurts
Aren't you leaving early tomorrow ....?
THE NEW WATER MILL'S PREPA-RATIONS ARE ALMOST COMPLETE !!
for crying out loud, that girl falls asleep anywhere
You moron!
Even I can see that you're working all night under the mill's foundation
LEAVING FOR THE WORLD ABOVE OR SOMETHING ...!?
W-WHAT!? I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN!!
But there's something I wanna ask you
Don't jump to a wrong conclusion here
Didn't I tell you I was getting sick of your "anyhow", Henzo!?
Anyhow, it's not with a machine you made in a hurry....
...that you'll be able to climb up the waterfall

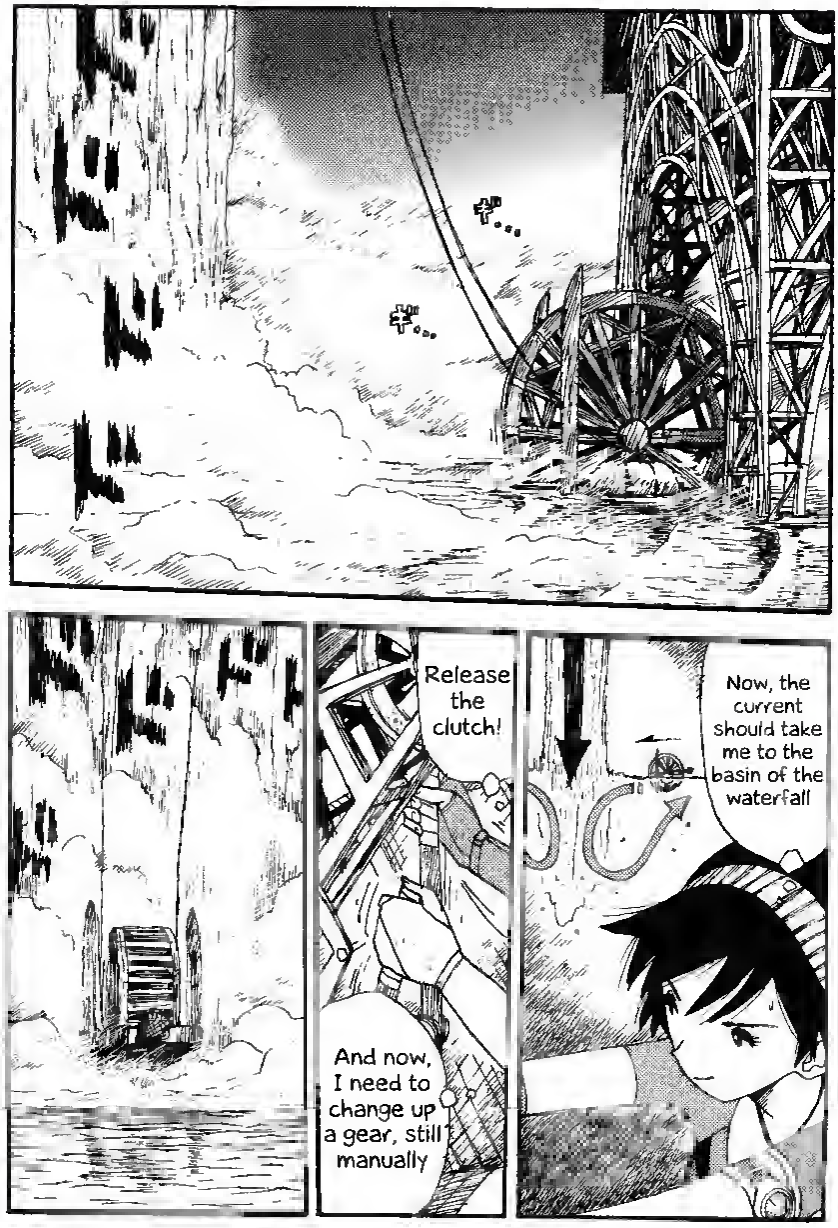
Why do you want to go to the outside world so much?
Is it for Albert?
Or is it because you actually hate this village?
I love this village from the bottom of my heart, it is the place I was born and raised..
And it is true I wish to see Albert, but to put it simply, I wanna see the world outside with my own eyes...
The reason I want to leave ...
But actually, more than a reason, you could say those are just a pretext...
A pretext?
Yeah... Right now... How shall I put it...?

"I'll go to the world outside !"
That's what I decided, that is my reason to leave
.....
...But I guess that's not the kind of answer you wanted to hear...

Huh... Hey!?
And don't come back
See ya .....
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY !?
It's this side of you that I always ....
That kind of answer is so like you....


It's time
Let's get going, Edison!


I'll have to twine the rope manually ...
Time to cast off


Release the clutch!
And now, I need to change up a gear, still manually
Now, the current should take me to the basin of the waterfall

Ugh...!
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IT WORKS !!

Boss
....
ARE FREAKING STRONG!!
THOSE VIBRATIONS AND SPLASHING WATER
AS EXPECTED, THE CURRENTS AREN'T SOMETHING TO BE TRIFFLED WITH !!
THE WHEEL HAS STARTED TO SPEED UP!!
YOU'RE MY MACHINE-TO-CLIMB-THE-WATERFALL!!
COM'ON, LET'S GO TO THE TOP!!
AND THE GEAR IS CHANGING UP TOO!!

Milo .....
Cooool! The watermill is climbing up the waterfall
SHE DID IT! SHE'S GOING UP!!
There's too much water ...!
I can't see a thing...!
Time to trust my intuition!
MAXI-MUM SPEED !!

That's our Milo!!
She's a great pilot!!
How could they have known ....!?
How come everybody is here!?
ACCELE-RATION!!
Take it easy, Milo can't hear us anymore
THE CONTRACT WAS BROKEN! CANCEL THE OPERATION!!
Well, that's not the kind of secret that could be kept safe too long...

I CAN DO IT !!!
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YOU'RE ALMOST THERE!!
MILO!! HANG IN THERE!!
Oh crap ...!
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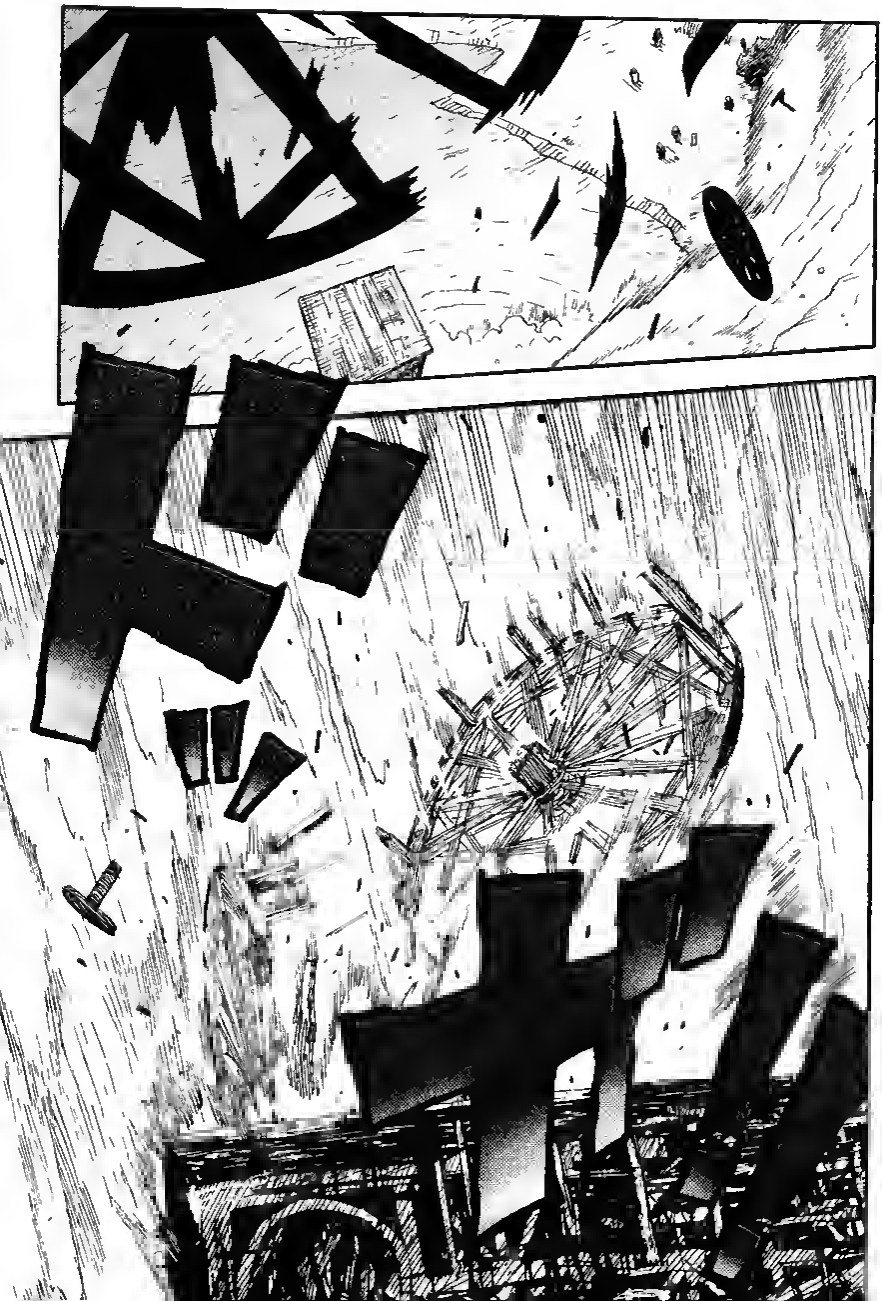
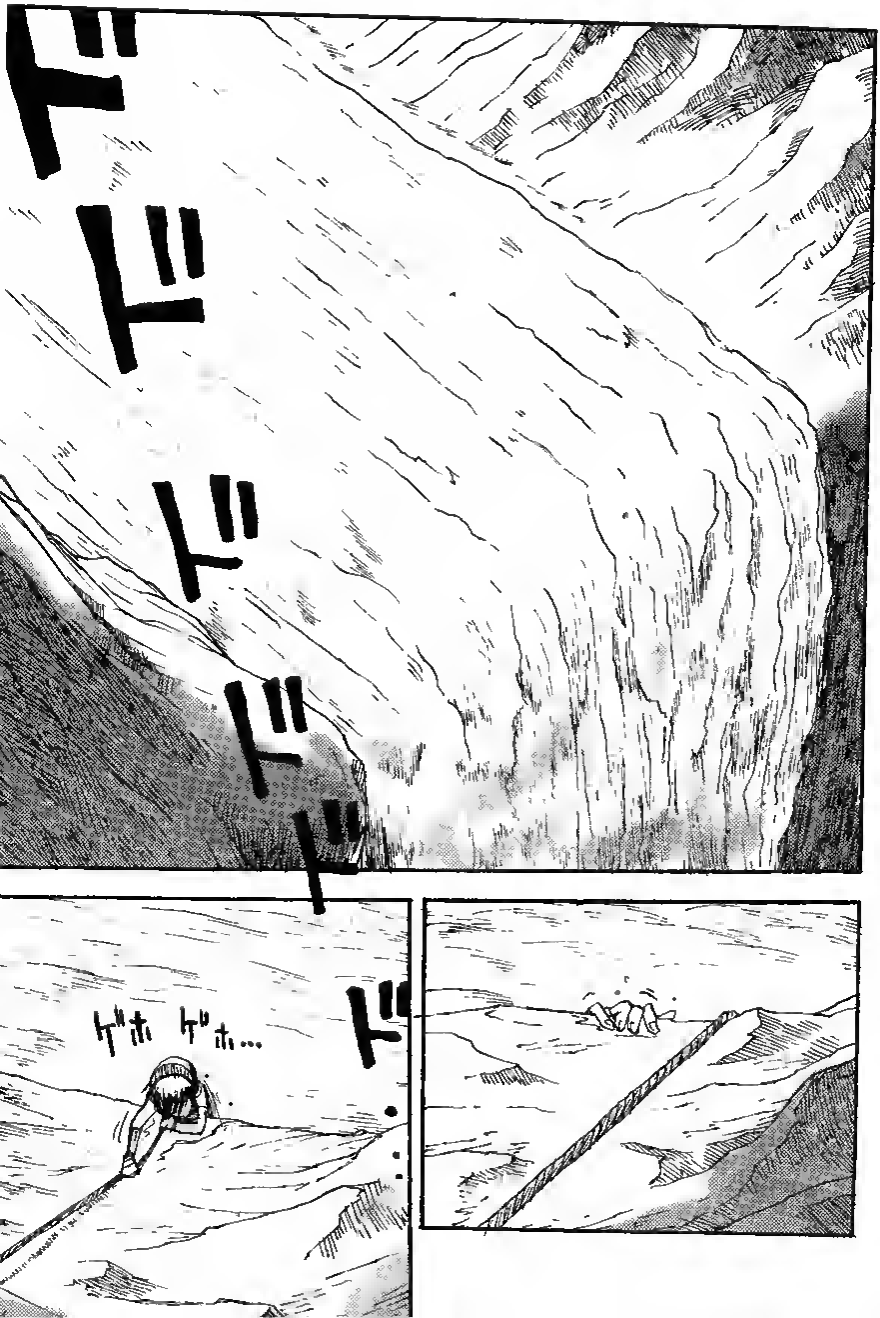
SHIT ...!
HER RIGHT BOAT BROKE!!
I CANNOT KEEP THE BALANCE!!

MILO ...!!
SHE'S BEEN ...!!!



You stupid fool ...!!
You ....
The great watermill has been competely crushed...
It's a failure ...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This is the world above the waterfall ...?
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So, this is...

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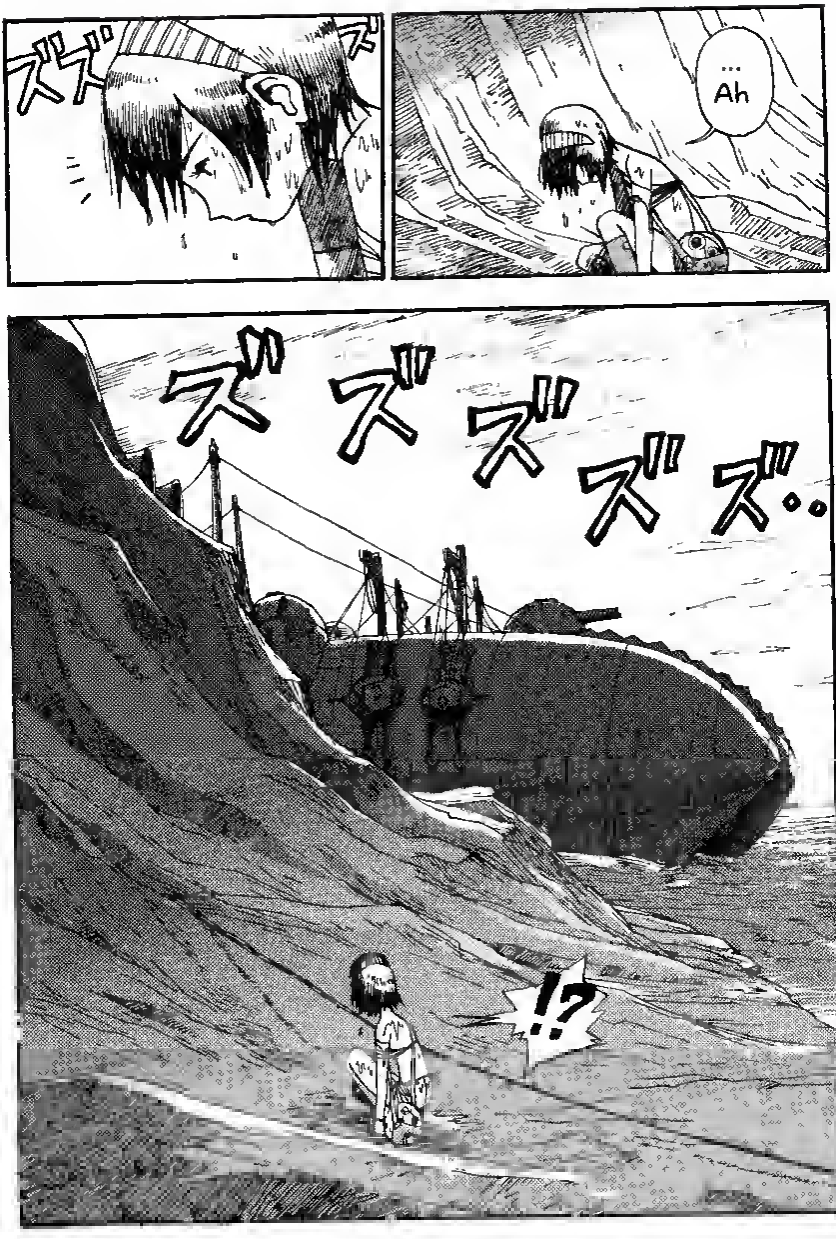
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